

In 1957 we came to Shawsville, VA, a small community where everybody knows everybody and it as been a mutual taking care of each other for the last 49 years. Clarence kept busy at the office, nursing home, and hospital – fourteen hours a day when he was on call. And as children came (4 in all) I filled my time with football, basketball, tennis, dance, piano lessons, band functions, and school. I enjoyed every minute of it and when it was done, I was happy. There are no empty nest woes here.

Clarence retired in 1995 and since that time we have traveled to all the places we dreamed about when there was no time to go. We both enjoy having children and grandchildren close by. He gardens, mows, does stained glass, and when he runs out of something to do, there are many roses begging for attention. There is no time to be bored. I enjoy painting with acrylics and we both work on a community newsletter that has been fun. This is a good time in our lives, when the family is settled and we can enjoy the fruits of our labors. I pray that the next generation can be equally as satisfied with their lives.